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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/8/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 July 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

Replace lines 1-17 in page 8 with :

-- address stored on the disk drive 516. The boot sector governs the behavior of the overall system during boot when control passes from POST Basic Input Output Services (BIOS) code. If the selected conditions, described below, are met and if the computing subsystem 518 has requested the boot sector address that is associated with the second operating system 620, the firmware 616 substitutes a boot sector associated with the first operating system 604 for the requested sector. An exemplary is more fully described in U.S.

Application No. 09/507,121 titled "Disk Drive for Selectively Satisfying a Read Request From a Host Computer For A First Valid Data Block With A Second Valid Data Block", filed on 2/17/2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,772,281, issued August 3, 2004, and which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. In another embodiment, the firmware 616 may read the boot sector requested by the BIOS from disk and modify the code prior to transmitting the sector to the host computer system. The code modification may be accomplished by modifying data read from the sector using an algorithm or by "patching" the

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boot sector data with data stored elsewhere on the disk or embedded in the firmware code.


In another embodiment, the firmware 616 may bypass reading the boot sector from the disk and substitute an entire sector stored in non-volatile memory or otherwise embedded in the firmware code. The process flow then returns to step 104 of Figure 1 (discussed above). --.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nabil M. El-Hady whose telephone number is (571) 272-3963. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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